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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON ARTICLE 11 (13(D)) OF
ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

1. CONGRESSMAN FRASER WROTE SECRETARY FEBRUARY 28 TO
INQUIRE WHETHER USG WOULD BE WILLING TO ASK NORTH
KOREA IF IT WOULD BE WILLING TO RESUME IMPLEMENTATION OF
ARTICLE 11, PARA 13D OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT CONCERNING
INTRODUCTION INTO PENINSULA OF ADDITIONAL WAR MATERIAL.

2. TEXT OF CONGRESSMAN'S LETTER:

BEGIN QUOTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY

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I WRITE TO YOU ABOUT KOREA.

ON AUGUST 13, 1957, IN THE 12TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IN U.N. DOC. A/3631, THE
U.S. IS RECORDED AS HAVING STATED THAT AS U.N. COMMANDER
WE WOULD BE RELIEVED OF THE ARMS LIMITATION AND INSPECTION
PROVISIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT (PR.13-D) "UNTIL SUCH

TIME AS THE RELATIVE MILITARY BALANCE HAS BEEN RESTORED AND
YOUR SIDE, BY ITS ACTIONS, HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS WILLINGNESS
TO COMPLY."

RECENT STUDIES INDICATE THAT ESSENTIAL RESTORATION OF
THE MILITARY BALANCE HAS TAKEN PLACE.

IN VIEW OF THIS CHANGE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF
EARLIER YEARS, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO ASK THE DPRK
WHETHER IT WOULD BE WILLING TO RESTORE THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THIS IMPORTANT PART OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT?

THERE IS SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PYONGYANG IS
CONSIDERING THIS MATTER.

I WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY RESPONSE TO THIS QUERY.

WITH BEST WISHES. UNQUOTE

3. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT, CONTRARY TO FRASER'S
ASSERTION, NORTH HAS SHOWN CONTINUED UNWILLINGNESS TO
ALLOW NNSC TO FUNCTION IN ANY MEANINGFUL WAY. MOREOVER,
NORTH KOREAN SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN HEAVY ARMS MANUFACTURE
WOULD PLACE ROK AT SERIOUS DISADVANTAGE IF PARA 13(D)
WERE NOW TO BE REAPPLIED.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE FOR INCLUSION IN REPLY TO
CONGRESSMAN FRASER WHATEVER BACKGROUND INFORMATION
EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON RECENT NORTH KOREAN ATTITUDES AND
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